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AIR FREIGHT UP 14% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 25 — Air freight traffic increased 14 percent in May, compared with May a year ago, and was up 9.6 percent for the first five months of this year for the 21 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in May rose 8.9 percent. Mail increased 4.3 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 7.8 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in May was up 20.3 percent. Mail increased 1.8 percent, and total cargo rose 18.2 percent.

In the first five months of the year, domestic air freight had a gain of 7 percent. Mail increased 5.3 percent, and total cargo was up 6.6 percent.

International freight during the first five months rose 12.9 percent. Mail declined 1.1 percent, and total cargo increased 11.2 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MAY	1987	350,993	104,301	455,294	309,211	34,384	343,595	660,204	798,889
MAY	1986	322,288	100,046	422,334	256,953	33,786	290,739	579,241	713,073
PERCENT CHANGE		8.9	4.3	7.8	20.3	1.8	18.2	14.0	12.0
5 MONTHS	1987	1,646,778	522,621	2,169,399	1,401,979	167,250	1,569,229	3,048,757	3,738,628
5 MONTHS	1986	1,538,744	496,511	2,035,255	1,241,792	169,054	1,410,846	2,780,536	3,446,101
PERCENT CHANGE		7.0	5.3	6.6	12.9	(1.1)	11.2	9.6	8.5

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.